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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I respectfully request the following records:

1. Any air quality report(s), or air monitoring data collected in the last five years, in the southwest neighborhood of Detroit, Michigan (areas including, but not limited to, the 48217 zip code) and nearby areas, such as south Dearborn.

To reduce or avoid the costs and labor of printing and/or photocopying records, I request that records be provided in electronic format wherever possible if that is the least-costly option, including but not limited to records that are stored or maintained in electronic format. I will provide a USB drive or other media storage device for the records at our expense if requested.

I request that I be properly classified as a news media requester. I am making this request as a fellow at *In These Times* magazine, and I am requesting this information in that editorial capacity.

In These Times is widely recognized for its reporting, publishing regular features on issues of public interest and importance.

In addition, I have covered areas related to this request, and plan to use my editorial skills to analyze and produce original reporting work for the *In These Times* readership, both online and in print.

In These Times will make all records received available to the public. *In These Times* is a non-profit organization registered as The Institute for Public Affairs, a charitable organization in the state of Illinois, with no commercial interest in obtaining the requested information

I request a fee waiver on the grounds that the requested information is in the public interest and not in my commercial interest. Because no such air quality reports are currently publicly available and air quality has a significant public impact, this information is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the government around air quality monitoring. As a fellow writing for a nonprofit publication I do not have a commercial interest in this information.

Please contact me so that I can obtain these records as soon as possible. If you find that this request is unclear in any way please contact me immediately so I can clarify the request or otherwise expedite and simplify your efforts to comply. If you have any question as to my media status, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Thank you. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Valerie Vande Panne

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